

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-387-C - ORDER NO. 97-196

MARCH 12, 1997

IN RE: Request of West Carolina Rural Telephone) ORDER
Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of a New) GRANTING
Depreciation Rate.) REQUEST
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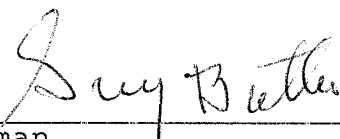
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the Company) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a new depreciation rate for Digital Electronic Switching Equipment. The Applicant requests to increase the depreciation rate from 4.55% to 8.33% with an effective date of January 1, 1996.

The Commission's Executive Director directed the Company to publish a Notice, one time, at its expense, giving the public notice of the proposal. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received.

We have examined the request, and believe that it is appropriate. We do not believe that this will effect the rates that the customers are paying for the service. We therefore grant the request.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)